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Amendments to the Specification:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the pending paragraph entitled, "Cross Reference to Related Applications" on page one starting with line 18:

This application is related to the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent applications: U.S. Application No. 09/908,295, filed July 17,2001 (Docket No. 70673); U.S. Application No. 09/907,852, filed July 17,2001 (Docket No.70674); U.S. Application No. 09/907,854, filed July 17,2001 (Docket No.70675); U.S. Application No. 09/908,301, filed July 17,2001 (Docket No.70676); U.S. Application No. 10/051,538, filed January 16,2002 (Docket No.71743); U.S. Application No. 10/051,680, filed January 16, 2002 (Docket No.71744); U.S. Application No. 10/052,074, filed January 16, 2002 (Docket No.71745); U.S. Application No. 10/051,541, filed January 16,2002 (Docket No. 71746); U.S. Application No. 10/076,685, filed February 14, 2002, entitled CHECKERBOARD BUFFER USING TWO DIMENSIONAL BUFFER PAGES, filed herewith (Docket No.72705); U.S. Application No. 10/076,942, filed February 14, 2002, entitled CHECKERBOARD BUFFER USING TWO-DIMENSIONAL BUFFER PAGES AND USING STATE ADDRESSING, filed herewith (Docket No.72706); and U.S. Application No. 10/076,832, filed February 14, 2002, entitled CHECKERBOARD BUFFER USING TWO DIMENSIONAL BUFFER PAGES AND USING BIT FIELD ADDRESSING, filed herewith (Docket No.72707), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.